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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 7, 1998. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated on page 1, line 1:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 08/615,814, filed March 14,1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/183,916, filed January 19, 1994, now Patent 5,533,499, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/048,589, filed April 16, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/884,626, filed May 15, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/712,508, filed June 10, 1991, now abandoned.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

16. (Thrice amended) A nasal dilator capable of introducing separating stresses in outer wall-tissues of a user's nose, said dilator comprising:

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